GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government participated at Hague conference on restrictions on missiles and other weapons held recently;

(b) if so, the agenda of the conference;

(c) the details of the participating countries; and

(d) the expected benefits the country is likely to derive from this conference?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) A conference to launch an International Code of Conduct (ICOC) against Ballistic Missiles took place in the Hague on November 25-26, 2002. Invitation was extended to all countries to subscribe to the code. Participation in the conference was limited to only those subscribing to the code. India did not participate in this conference as the Government had decided not to subscribe to this Code.

(b), (c) & (d): Do not arise.